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COMMITTEE OF FRETILIN AND COMMANDER OF LIBERATION FORCES
OFEAST TIMOR

1. ARRIVING IN BISSAU AFTER STOPS IN LUANDA AND CAPE
VERDE, RERIO LOBATO MADE WHAT WAS TERMED A VISIT OF AN
INFORMAL CHARACTER TO CONTACT AND INFORM THE COMRADES
OF THE PAIGC (PARTIDO AFRICANO DA INDEPENDENCIA DA
GUINEA CABO VERDE), THE FULING PARTY IN BOTH REPUBLICS,
ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN TIMOR.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESS IN BISSAU, LOBATO
DESCRIBED CONDITIONS IN EAST TIMOR AS GOOD, PERHAPS
EXCELLENT. HE CLAIMED THAT AFTER THE IMPRISONEMENT
OF XAVIER DE AMARAL, THE PARTY COULD DECLARE WITHOUT
HESITATION THAT THEY HAD FORCED THE INDONESIANS TO
ACCEPT A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH FRETILIN. LABOATO
REPORTED THAT A MONTH AGO THE INDONESIANS HAD ESTAB-
LISHED OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH THE INDEPENDENCE
GROUP IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE. A SIGN LOBATO IN-
TERPRETED AS RECOGNITION BY THE INDONESIANS THAT
THEY COULD NOT ACHIEVE A MILITARY VICTORY IN EAST
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3. THE FRETILIN POSITION, STATED COMMANDANTO LOBATO,
MADE CLEAR TO THE INDONESIANS, WAS THAT IN-
DEPENDENCE OF EAST TIMOR WAS NON-NEGOTIABLE.

4. IN A RECENT SPEECH, PRESIDENT CABRAL REITERATED
GOGB SUPPORT FOR FRETILIN AS A LEGITIMATE INDEPEN-

DENCE MOVEMENT.MARKS

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